DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATION BILL, 1926

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Mr. Davis of Minnesota, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 12033]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 12033) "making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia, and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of such District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, and for other purposes," having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 4, 13, 35,

38, and 39.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 43, 44, and 45, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 10:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 10, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter inserted by said amendment insert the following:, except in so far as conditions beyond the control of the commissioners prevent; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 14:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 14, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Restore the matter stricken out by said amendment amended to read as follows: \$35,000: Provided, That the purchase price shall not exceed the latest full value assessment of such property; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 18:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 18, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$97,900; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 36:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 36, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$24,600; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 37:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 37, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$5,500; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 40:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 40, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Restore the matter stricken out by said amendment amended to read as follows: in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, \$61,540; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 41: That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 41, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Restore the matter stricken out by said amendment amended to read as follows: foremen, gardeners, mechanics, skilled and unskilled laborers; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 42: That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 42, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$431,100; and the Senate agree to the same.

The committee of conference have not agreed on amendments numbered 1, 21, 28, and 46.

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The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 12033) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of such District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, and for other purposes, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the conferees and recommended in the accompanying conference report:

No. 2: Appropriates not exceeding \$1,200 for the salary of an

engineer for refrigerating plant, as proposed by the Senate.

No. 3: Appropriates \$2,400 for the replacement of a motor truck,

municipal architect's office, as proposed by the Senate.

No. 4: Strikes out the proposal of the Senate to except the Office of Public Buildings and Grounds from the general limitation on the purchase price of motor vehicles.

No. 5: Appropriates \$9,400 for maintaining a public employment service, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$9,340, as proposed

by the House.

Nos. 6 to 9, both inclusive, relating to street improvements: Appropriates \$21,920 for paving a longer stretch of Ordway Street, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$7.920 for paving a shorter stretch of such street, as proposed by the House; appropriates \$4,500 for paving a portion of Thirty-fifth Street NW., as proposed by the Senate, and appropriates \$12,000 for paving a portion of Macomb Street NW., as proposed by the Senate.

No. 10, relating to "gasoline tax, road and street improvements":

Provides that projects shall take precedence according to the acts carrying appropriations therefor, substituting for the Senate qualification "as far as practicable," the clause "except in so far as conditions beyond the control of the commissioners prevent."

No. 11, relating to repairs of streets: Appropriates \$800,000, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$600,000, as proposed by the House.

No. 12: Appropriates \$50,000 for continuing the construction of the upper Potomac main interceptor, as proposed by the Senate.

No. 13: Restores the language stricken out by the Senate with respect to the disposition of proceeds received from the disposal of

city refuse and garbage.

No. 14: Appropriates \$35,000 for the acquisition of the property now used as a garbage transfer station, instead of \$31,000 as proposed by the House and \$40,000, as proposed by the Senate, and restores the provision proposed by the House that the purchase price shall not exceed the latest full value assessment of the property.

Nos. 15, 16, and 17, relating to the bathing beach under the playgrounds department: Appropriates \$600 for superintendence, as

proposed by the Senate, instead of \$1,320, as proposed by the House, in order that the two salaries of the employee superintending this beach (his other employment not interfering with the position here

involved) will come within the statutory limit of \$2,000.

Nos. 18, 19, and 20, relating to public schools: Appropriates \$97,900 for clerical staff, office of superintendent of schools, instead of \$90,880, as proposed by the House, and \$102,760, as proposed by the Senate; appropriates \$28,100 for personal services, department of school attendance and work permits, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$16,500, as proposed by the House, and appropriates \$38,000, as proposed by the Senate for personal services, community center department, to take care of the pay of janitors performing night work in the schools, instead of \$33,300, as proposed by the House, the House figure including no extra allowance for such purpose.

Nos. 22 to 25, both inclusive, relating to public schools: Changes the designation of the John R. Francis Junior High School by omitting the word "senior," as proposed by the Senate; and appropriates \$475,000 for the construction of the Stuart Junior High School, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$175,000 for beginning the

construction of such school, as proposed by the House.

No. 26: Removes the requirement proposed by the House that plans and specifications for buildings provided for in the bill shall be approved without reference to the Commission of Fine Arts.

No. 27: Appropriates \$9,360 for clerical services, fire department, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$9,300, as proposed by the

House.

Nos. 29 and 30: Appropriates \$21,050 for court employees, Court of Appeals, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$20,190, as proposed by the House.

No. 31: Corrects the total of the appropriation for the jail.

No. 32: Strikes out the authorization proposed by the House for the issuance without charge of bricks manufactured at the workhouse for authorized construction work for the National Training Schools for Girls and the District Training School.

No. 33: Corrects the total of the appropriations for the reform-

atory.

Nos. 34 and 35, relating to the District training school: Provides for the purchase and maintenance of horses and wagons, as proposed by the Senate, and restores the language stricken out by the Senate with respect to the disposition of moneys received as income from sale of products and from payment of board or of instruction or otherwise.

Nos. 36 and 37, relating to the Industrial Home School: Appropriates \$24,600 for maintenance, instead of \$27,100, as proposed by the House, and \$22,100 as proposed by the Senate, and appropriates \$5,500 for repairs instead of \$3,000, as proposed by the House, and \$8,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Nos. 38 and 39: Restores the matter stricken out and strikes out the matter inserted by the Senate in the text of the appropriation for continuing the reclamation and development of Anacostia Park.

No. 40 to 44, inclusive, relating to public buildings and grounds: Appropriates \$61,540 for personal services, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$23,840, as proposed by the House, the Senate increase representing a transfer, the compensation for such services to be in accordance with the classification act of 1923, as proposed

by the House; appropriates \$431,100 for improvement and care of public grounds, instead of \$404,160, as proposed by the House, and \$442,830, as proposed by the Senate, the amount agreed upon including provision for widening existing roads and bridges and for constructing new roads and bridges in Rock Creek Park and for improvement and maintenance of Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway, and also for the compensation of foremen, gardeners, and mechanics, as proposed by the House, as well as skilled and unskilled laborers; strikes out the appropriation on account of the existing bathing beach on the tidal basin and repeals existing appropriations on account of a new bathing beach on the west shore of the tidal basin, as proposed by the Senate; and appropriates \$3,000 for expenses incident to the conducting of band concerts in the public parks, as proposed by the Senate.

No. 45: Appropriates \$129,710 for personal services under the Water Department, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$122,000,

as proposed by the House.

The committee of conference have not agreed to the following amendments of the Senate:

No. 1, relating to the amount of Federal contribution toward the expenses for which the bill makes provision.

No. 21, relating to the appropriation for contingent expenses, public schools.

No. 28, relating to the police court.

No. 46, relating to the estimates of appropriations in the District of Columbia chapter of the Budget, fiscal year 1927.

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